

at work only to find that their loss of a day's pay had gone in vain. I can't stress enough that this amount is very, very small considering the terrible amounts of money that we spend in our criminal justice system for the criminal. Now let me tell you what this small amount of money will go for. It will go to an administrator in the City of Omaha who will oversee volunteers, volunteers who perhaps have been victims themselves and know the traumatic and the hurt and the rage and the fury and the frustration that goes along with being a victim. This also will include those students at the university who are going through the process in their education and who are interested in assisting and they do this all without pay, many times without thanks, because they care. Now we have a program in Lincoln and we have a program in Kearney and in Lincoln, which I know I am the most familiar with and which many of you are familiar with, this program has been astoundingly successful. For the first time, according to FBI statistics, and I passed you out a little handout which calls attention to this, Lincoln has the place of number one as the safest city in the United States of America and I think that we owe some recognition to the victim witness unit and to the chaplaincy corps which works hand in hand with this unit with the administrator overseeing and training these volunteers. This will be located in the police station, right from the very first that a victim is first contacted and carried through the criminal justice process. Some require more than others, that is true, but at least there is contact and someone to carry through a volunteer throughout the criminal justice system. Omaha has made a commitment and we have just started a chaplaincy group which will be on call which is volunteer and this is the way Lincoln started and now Omaha hopes to go on so perhaps maybe we could become the safest city in the United States in our population group as Lincoln has. We need a little seed money and this seed money will grow through volunteers and indeed as Chief Wadman testified through the city itself, we hope to become self-supporting. But you recall what we did to the city sales tax. Omaha right now does not have those extra funds but Omaha does have probably the largest percentage of population...well it does have the largest percentage of population and also correspondingly has the greatest need because we have the greatest percentage of crime. Again I call your attention to the fact this is a very small amount of money. I ask you to consider it on its own merit and I also say that Victim Witness Assistance is the greatest crime prevention program that you could fund with your money. Chief Wadman has statistics which convinced him and I